MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether that school was not constructed out of the privy purse of one of the late Maharajas of Travancore?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I am not aware, Sir. I thank the member for the information, if it is correct.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): May I know why this school was constructed in the proximity of the temple?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instrucion*): There are several schools in the State, where, for one reason or another, such as proximity to temple or Palace, admission has been confined to caste-Hindus in the past.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): What is the special reason for restricting admission to non-caste-Hindus?

MR. C V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Proximity to the Palace.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): May I know, are not all communities admitted in Palace?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*: Does that question arise Sir?

PRESIDENT: You said that, on account of proximity to Palace admission is restricted to caste-Hindus. But the Palace itself is open to all classes. That is the reason why he has put that question.

MR C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I have already said that the whole question is under consideration.

MR. CANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) What is that question please?

PRESIDENT: The member has said in clear terms that there are some institutions where admission is not free to all castes and creeds. That question is under the consideration of Government and that will be settled soon.

Fee concession in College classes.

151. ***MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether fee concession is given to students of particular communities in College classes;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the communities that are entitled to such concession and the principles upon which those communities were chosen; and

(*c*) whether all the backward and depressed classes are included in the communities falling under part (*a*), and, if not, the reason for the same?

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MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Mahomedans. The Member is referred to G. O. No. E. 1989, dated the 31st May 1919, on Mahomedan Education.

(*c*) *First Part.* No; but half-fee and full-fee concessions are given in specially deserving cases.

Second Part. Collegiate education is ordinarily provided for those who can pay for it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): In answer to part (*b*), may I know the principles upon which this community was chosen?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That is explained in the G. O. on Mahomedan Education to which reference is made in the answer.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): That is only with regard to Mahomedans. I want to know the principles on which this choice was made?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) That is explained in the G. O.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): The member being a specialist in the matter I wish to know the gist of that. The G. O. of 1919 is not a confidential document.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Mahomedan education was found to be very backward and there were successive representations in successive Assembles that the Government should look into the whole question. Accordingly Government looked into the pros and cons of the question and issued a G. O. Government considered that, in order to encourage Mahomedan boys and girls to go to schools and colleges, special concessions were necessary and therefore Government decided that special concession should be given to Mahomedan students studying in colleges.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What is the position of the depressed classes with regard to collegiate education?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That is a very vague question.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has that ever been brought to the notice of Government and have they considered it?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes. Half fee and full fee concessions are given in deserving cases.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Do Government consider that depressed classes also deserve special treatment in this matter as the treatment given to Muslims in colleges with regard to fee concessions?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The G. O. of 1919 referred to the Mahommedan education alone. The problem of the depressed classes was not a serious matter at the time. There was hardly any depressed class people then in any of the colleges of the State. Even now their number is very few. In deserving cases, concessions are being given.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from the member whether all those depressed classes are given half fee or full fee concession?

MR. C. V CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Not all. In deserving cases, concessions are given.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is it the merit of the student in college classes or is it poverty that is taken into consideration for giving fee concession?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Conduct, satisfactory progress and poverty.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Am I to understand that these conditions are not attached as far as Muslims are concerned?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Muslims are given concession under a separate G. O.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): After that G. O., was the attention of Government drawn to the special treatment that must be given to the depressed class men who have obtained college education?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The Educational Reforms Committee Report drew the pointed attention of Government to this aspect of the matter. It is on that basis that half fee and full fee concessions are therefore now being given in deserving cases.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government have the same rule in regard to all communities that are backward in education?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That is a suggestion for future action.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): As per G. O. of 1919, may I know whether anybody can apply and get himself excluded from fee concessions if he is well-to-do?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I submit, Sir, it is a hypothetical question.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether anybody has applied for such exemption?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the question of fee concession to the backward communities so far as education is concerned is being considered now?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): At the time when it is considered may I know whether the question of fee concessions to deserving cases will be taken up?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHRAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Fee concessions are being given in deserving cases.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): When the whole question of fee concession is considered, may I know whether the member will bring to the attention of Government the necessity of fixing that as a principle in reference to the recommendation made in the Reforms Committee Report.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): He is suggesting a course of future action.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know when a member of the depressed class community was first admitted in the college?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice.

Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme.

152. ***MR. G. NILAKANTAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the estimated outlay required for the completion of the Pallivasal Electric Scheme:

(*b*) the percentage of the amount to be spent for the purchase of machinery, posts, pipes, rails and other materials from outside Travancore;

(*c*) the percentage of the amount that may be spent for the purchase of materials obtainable locally; and

(*d*) the percentage to be spent for labour?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The estimated cost for the development of the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Project, including supply to Quilon and Peermade, is 129 lakhs of rupees.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*). It is difficult at this stage of the scheme to work out proportionate cost under the various items asked for.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know what are the places that are proposed to be supplied by the Pallivasal Project?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Quilon, the Punja lands of Kuttanad and Cochin.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether the Cochin Government have agreed with the Travancore Government in regard to the power that is supplied by the Pallivasal Project?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is not Cochin; I meant Alwaye.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): What are the places through which electricity passes from Pallivasal to Quilon?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Kottayam.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): What are the taluks through which electricity passes from Pallivasal?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Gavernment*): Muvattupuzha and Kottayam.

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